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AGREEMENT WITH FOREIGN COMPANIES IN COAL MINING
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/Coal India Limited (CIL) has carried out/proposes to carry out any agreement with the foreign companies for both open and underground coal mining in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the percentage stake held by such countries in coal mining in the country, country-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) & (b): Coal India Limited has no such proposals at present. However, in order to improve coal availability in the country, operations in some of the mines of Coal India Limited have been proposed through open expression of interest wherein the mines shall be worked upon by Mine Developer cum Operator (MDO). Being an open tender, any national & international company is eligible to participate in the bid.

At the first instance, 8 mines, having an estimated capacity of 24.24 Mty, have been identified for operation through MDO mode. Out of these, 5 mines are Opencast & 3 are underground. However there is no proposal for equity sharing in any of the case.